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## News Release

## EGYPTIAN MAN CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT AND ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY AFTER DEPORTATION

BOSTON—An Egyptian man was charged yesterday in federal court with committing aggravated identity theft and illegal re-entry after deportation following an investigation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan; Steven J. Farquharson, Director of Field Operations for the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection in New England; and Robin M. Avers, Special Agent-in-Charge of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, announced that Magdy Abdelsalam Hassan, 30, of Egypt, was charged in an indictment with one count of illegal re-entry after deportation and an additional count of aggravated identity theft.

The indictment alleges that Hassan attempted to enter the United States on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at Boston's Logan International Airport. Hassan, who had been previously deported, knowingly possessed and presented a false identification to illegally re-enter the United States without permission.

If convicted on these charges, Hassan faces a mandatory minimum of 2 years for aggravated identity theft and up to 10 years' imprisonment, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul R. Moore in Sullivan's Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the indictment are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities